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Sir,

Since the return of Messrs Wong Pah Zung 王伯辰 and Yang Kau Ling 楊曉林 to Tientsin it has been ascertained that they in conjunction with Kai Wei Tsang 賁煥章 and Tung Lai Fong 董蘭芳 of this port planned first of all to commence a boycott movement against all French goods. This plan met with no support, the persons in Shanghai who were willing to aid the Tientsin people holding that it would produce no results owing to the scarcity of articles of commerce of French origin on the market. Then it was proposed to call a strike of all Chinese in French employment. Yu Ya Ching 虞洽卿 being a native of Ningpo, the home of most of the boys, coolies, cooks, washermen etc of Shanghai, was to be responsible for carrying out the scheme, but as it was going to entail considerable cost and as the expenses therewith were to be met by the members of the different Chinese trade associations of Shanghai it was made plain to the promoters that they were not going to have sufficient financial support and so the matter dropped. It is stated that Tung Lai Fong 董蘭芳 was at one time an accountant in the yamen of the Taotai of Shanghai during the latter peiod of the Tsing dynasty and he was on terms of intimacy with Yu Ya Ching 虞洽卿.

Your Obedient Servant,

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.